

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019



## PTA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### AMAZING FUNDRAISING NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR SO FAR!

The Thermometer is rising!



£2,032 was raised at the Christmas Fair



BARCLAYS

We have received £1,000 from Barclays bank matching scheme



COOP donation of £2,880



More fundraising is in the planning stages. Please contact us if you want to get involved.

**Thank you**  
for your generosity

From your PTA team

Donations have also been made to help towards Reception's play area, trip subsidies, and year six leavers T-shirts, so far.

The PTA have funded new cooking equipment inc. a new portable oven for D&T.

**Smart Screen Update**

We have now funded TWO smart screens for the school.

**Only five more to go!**

PosterMyWall.com

Thank you for all your excellent fundraising so far this academic year, and to the PTA team for their continued hard work.



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We are supporting  
Safer Internet Day  
5 Feb 2019

#SaferInternetDay2019  
[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)



**We hope you will find this article from [Parentsone.org.uk](http://Parentsone.org.uk) about online gaming and online chat useful:-**

Video games have always been popular among children - even more so now that online multiplayer games like Fortnite, FIFA and Overwatch have evolved into social spaces, where friends and strangers meet and play together.

Many children make new friends by playing online and get to know each other via voice or text chat while playing.

In-game chat refers to the game's own built-in chat function which lets the entire group of people playing together, friends and strangers, talk. It's also popular to use external chat platforms, like Skype or Discord, in which only invited members can join the chat. Being a part of an online community where like-minded people can talk to each other can be great fun — but not everyone in in-game chats has good intentions, and there are a few things to be aware of if your child is using in-game chat functions.

**Online grooming**

Online grooming is when an adult, sometimes using a fake identity, establishes a relationship with a child online to exploit them sexually — perhaps by asking for nude photos or to meet in person. There have been several reports of children being targeted by abusers through games like Fortnite, and it's important that your child knows how to handle contact with people they don't know in 'real life'.

Explain to your child that people online aren't always who they claim to be and that they shouldn't be sharing personal information (their real name, their address, their school's address) or agree to meet up with people they haven't met in person before.

Sometimes, abusers will be quite explicit about their intentions and show their interest in children within their username or profile. Make sure your child takes this seriously and doesn't dismiss it as 'just a joke'.

They should be aware that abusers might start chatting during a game, but then ask to stay in touch on social media. They might even offer to send children a phone so that they are able to keep their conversations secret.

If you're worried that your child might not yet be ready to speak to people they don't know online, all games consoles feature parental and privacy settings that you can adjust so that your child can only communicate with people on their friends' list - check online for information about your child's console.



As your child grows, you might be more comfortable with letting them communicate with players they don't know - but get to know the reporting mechanisms of the game they're playing first, and encourage them to quickly block and report anyone who harasses them, or makes them uncomfortable.

If you come across something you suspect might be online grooming, go to the NCA-CEOP site where you quickly report it.

### Online bullying

Playing online with others, especially in ranked matches, can lead to heated arguments, swearing, and insults— especially when one player performs badly. Most in-game communication, whether it's via text messages or voice chat, is immediate and unmoderated.

When a child is on the receiving end of mean comments or insults, they'll probably be tempted to respond aggressively or seek revenge. Remind your child that this usually makes the situation worse, and that they should try not to take it personally - the issue is not with them, but rather the bully. Let your child know that they can talk to you if they have been cyberbullied and you'll always help them.

Keep a record of the abuse - take screenshots of text messages, for example. Reporting tools vary depending on the game but they're normally easy to find. If a game doesn't have them, it's probably best to avoid it.

If your child seems very upset after being bullied, there are several free support services available that can help them recover.

Read more about bullying in video games on Parent Info.

### Think about alternatives to in-game chat

As we've mentioned, you can limit who your child can communicate with by adjusting the settings so that they can't be contacted by people who are not on their friends' list.

But another option is to set up a private chatroom for your child and their friends using platforms like Discord, which is very secure. And some games, like Minecraft, offer the ability to set up a private server so that only approved players can enter the gaming session.

### WRAP-AROUND CARE



The deadline for responses to our survey about after-school care needs for Isleham Primary School pupils from September 2019, is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon.

Please respond, and encourage your friends to respond, even if they would only require the club on an occasional basis, as their response could make the difference between the club being viable or not.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TSTBMMC>



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## PARENTAL ONLINE PAYMENTS



### SIMS AGORA

SIMS AGORA is having a refresh this year and will be changing its name to SIMS PAY. The same facilities will be available, but you may notice a 'new look' coming up shortly. If you are not yet registered for online payments via Sims Agora or have any problems logging in, please speak to Mrs Dennis in the office.

### STARS OF THE WEEK



Our stars of the week last week were announced in Thursday's assembly-

**Year R- Max for writing detailed sentences**

**Year 1- Mia for welcoming a new class member and showing great friendship values**

**Year 2- Mollie for working hard on her handwriting and neatness**

**Year 3- Maisie-Blue for super spellings both in weekly tests and in her books**

**Year 4- Damian for putting 100% effort into everything he does**

**Year 5- Anya for being such a kind, caring and thoughtful girl**

**Year 6- Kai for really listening to advice on how to improve his work and applying it.**

Congratulations also to all these children, and to those who were awarded house tokens for gaining 35+ Dojo points- WELL DONE! We have announced to the children that the number of required points to achieve a house token will be relaxed to 30 this week to avoid disappointment for all those children who are doing well in school, behaving well and earning many extra points.



## MENU THIS WEEK

This week's menu options are listed below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MEAT FREE</b> Freshly baked bread	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
Menu choice 1	Cheese and tomato pizza	BBQ chicken with rice	Meatballs with pasta	Roast chicken, roast potatoes & yorkshire pudding	Battered fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Menu choice 2 	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Cheese cauliflower and broccoli bake	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Cheese tomato quiche	Vegetable wrap
Sides	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
Desserts	Apple muffin Sliced fresh fruit	Flapjack Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate sauce Sliced fresh fruit	Chocolate crispy Sliced fresh fruit	Shortbread Sliced fresh fruit

*Our mission is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of your day.*

## WORLD BOOK DAY



We are delighted to be welcoming author Pippa Goodhart to school on World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019). She will be running workshops and available throughout the day to inspire our young readers and writers!

She is happy to bring in copies of some of her famous book titles as listed below to sign for the children. Please visit Agora to view the list of titles and pay for the books.

\*You Choose, £6.99, Picture Book, a catalogue of choices to make.

\*Little Monster and the Spooky Party, £6.99 Lift-the-flap fun.

\*Gigantic Antics and other stories (3 books in 1) paperback, £8.99, twelve funny stories about Winnie the Witch and Wilbur her cat. Lots of black and white illustrations.

\*Toffee and Pie (Walker stories, paperback. £3.99) an early reader story with black and white illustrations.

Ginny's Egg, £6.99, a novel about what happens when Ginny's egg hatches a baby dragon.

\*The Great Sea Dragon Discovery £6.99. Set in 1860, Billy finds a fossil that has implications for ideas about evolution, but also for the fortune of his own family. For full information on other books that are available go to – [www.pippagoodhart.co.uk](http://www.pippagoodhart.co.uk)

You are welcome to select however many you would like and please pay online using the Agora system by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. As we do every year, we really want to celebrate books and make World Book Day as fun and engaging as possible, so please do come dressed up as a character from a book or bring your favourite book to school to share a passage! There will be a prize for the best creative costume in each class!



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## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week, we will be thinking about stories about 'People of God'- Nehemiah and Esther. Our Christian values are Respect, Service, Courage and Truth.

## CLASS CAFES

Don't forget our class cafés coming up on Tuesdays (9am to 9.45am) - entrance via group room

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February- Year 3 Class café

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Year 4 Class café

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Year 2 Class café

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Year R Class café

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Year 1 Class café

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Year 6 Class café



**The class cafés will last approximately 30 minutes from 9.15am to 9.45am, but doors will be open from 9am for tea and coffee at drop-off. Younger siblings are welcome, but it would be appreciated if they could be taken out of the room if they are very noisy for the short time the school children are speaking or performing. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

## RECEPTION EMERGENCY SERVICES VISITS

The Reception children have had two amazing visits from the emergency services recently. Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service showed the children the fire engine and hoses, and all of the equipment fire fighters use. They also taught the children what to do if their clothes caught on fire.... Stop, drop and roll!





Stop.



Drop.



Roll.



Last week, Police Officer Lappin also came in his police car to show the children all of the equipment used by the Police. They saw the handcuffs, radio, baton, vest and two different helmets, and received a radio message to the class from the Police Headquarters control room.

Whilst outside, the children had a look at the police car, the stinger that is used to puncture tyres in a high speed chase, the lights and the siren. He also showed the children a speed gun and one child ran as fast as they could for him to pick up the speed! Thank you to Suffolk Fire Service and Police Officer Lappin for giving up their time to make the children's learning so engaging.

#### **SURPRISE POLICE VISIT FOR YEAR 4**

Special thanks also go to Police Officer Lappin from Year 4, who were delighted to welcome a real policeman to their class! In their English lesson, they were writing a police incident report relating to their reading of the chapter in Stig of the Dump where there is a burglary at Barney's Gran's house, when they just so happened to look out of our class window and see a police car and policeman! He was kindly visiting the children in Reception and agreed to spare a few minutes of his time in Year 4 hearing the children's reports! Well done to the children who read out their report to him and for all the very interesting questions that were asked afterwards about what his job was like. The children were very interested to hear what sort of undercover cars traffic policemen drive (although he couldn't tell them too much!) Thank you very much to PC Lappin for giving up his time to see Year 4 last minute!



#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February- Year 3 Class café.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Year 4 Class café.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February- P-Jay! Day in aid of Jays Journey Fundraising. Wear your PJ's and bring your cuddly toy to school for the day! (Details at end of newsletter).

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February- Speed stacking at Ely College (Year 5 & 6 selected pupils).

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Half Term (School closed to pupils).

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Year 2 Class café.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Year R & 6 height & weight checks.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February- Family Worker Drop-in session for parents 9.15am.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March- (am) Sports Champions speaker and challenge/ aspiration workshops.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am to 6pm and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10am to 4pm- TESCO FUNDRAISING WEEKEND NEWMARKET FOR JAYS JOURNEY FUND- see Community News at end of newsletter.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March- 5pm to 8pm- Parents' Information Evening 1 of 2 (appointments bookable from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon).



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March- Pancake Day and House Day- Christian values- all day- children welcome to attend school in house colours.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March- 4pm to 7pm- Parents' Information Evening 2 of 2 (appointments bookable from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon).

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day- bring your favourite book to school or come dressed as a book character.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March- am- King's Ely Football tournament Year 3 & 4 selected pupils.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2019- come to school dressed in red and make a donation to Comic Relief.



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Year R Class café

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Year 5 & 6 Hi-5 Netball at SVC (selected pupils)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Year 1 Class café

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Family Worker Drop-in session for parents 9.15am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Year 6 Class café

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Year 3 & 4 Production 2pm Show 1 of 2

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April- Year 3 & 4 Production 6.00pm Show 2 of 2

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April- Break up for Easter holidays after school

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April- Professional Development Day for staff- school closed to pupils

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April- Pupils return to school after the Easter break



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### TESCO FUNDRAISING WEEKEND FOR JAYS JOURNEY FUND

A weekend of fundraising at Tesco's in Newmarket is to be held on Saturday 2nd March 10-6pm and Sunday 3rd March 10-4pm. A group of school parents have arranged with Tesco's for the children to gather funds for Jays Journey fund by packing shopping, holding donation buckets in the entrance to the store and generally being available to assist shoppers.

Isleham Primary School children are invited to sign up for a 2 hour 'shift' if they would like to be involved in supporting Jay's fund. (Please note that they must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times throughout their time helping.) Each child will be allocated a fundraising t-shirt for the duration of their time at the store (to be passed on once their slot ends) and will receive a certificate to say thank you. Sign-up sheets will be left in the reception area to the school, Jo Cant will have another in the playground in the mornings and Mrs King will have the other one in the playground after school. The closing date for sign-up is Friday 16th February 2019 so that the organising parents have time to allocate the time slots in accordance to what is preferred.

### KEEPING UP WITH YOUR CHILDREN- MATHS COURSE

# Want to help your child with maths?

## Keeping up with the Children – Maths

- A free course for parents and carers
- Gain confidence with maths skills for everyday family life
- Find out how maths is taught in schools today
- Make new friends and have fun!

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 12.30pm-2.30pm for 5 weeks  
Ely Library

To book your place please contact:  
Ely Learning Centre by  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

T: 01353 616160



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# P "Jay" Day



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# Cake Break



14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019



*Come to school in your pyjamas and enjoy a cake\* at  
break time for a donation of your choice.*

*Small Teddy Bears Welcome!*



*All money raised will be donated to Jay's Journey.*

*\*Any leftover cakes will be offered after school in the playground!*

*Jay's Journey Facebook page is @Jaysjourney2017*



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